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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Last Minute Notes on Your New  
Orleans Speech to the Edison  
Electric Institute

1. This memorandum is in response to your request to check certain specific points in the subject speech.


2. The Lenin quote on page one, that Communism is the Soviet system plus electrification, was taken from Lenin's report to the Eighth Congress of Soviets, made on 22 December 1920.

3. We have changed page 16 of your speech because the report referenced there, comparing US and USSR electric power output, was not made by the Edison Electric Institute. Our electric power people now believe the referenced report was produced by the National Industrial Conference Board. We are checking all files to locate a copy of this report, which many of us remember. However, rather than be stung twice,

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we have made the language on page 16 general, referring to a report produced by "a leading industrial research organization." I am sorry to be so stupid about this.

4. Attached is an analysis of an interview on US-USSR electric power reported in the New York Times on 6 April. The interview was given by several leading figures of the Edison Electric Institute. We hope you will find it of use. In part, these gentlemen are repeating the statement referred to in your speech -- namely, that the absolute gap in US-USSR power output will increase between now and 1965.

  
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Enclosure: Article from New York Times  
dated 6 April 1959